OIL MEN EXPLAIN MEXICAN PROBLEM

Declare Proposed Taxation Legislation Unjust to American Interests.

SAY TAXES NOW TOO HIGH

Committee Denies American Producers Are Willing to Pay Rentals.

The executive committee of the Assoestion of Mexican Producers Issued a statement vesterday explaining the postien of American oil producing interests tion of American oil producing interests in Mexico and setting forth the companies reasons for opposing the unjust legislation which the Mexican Government is seeking to enact in order to obtain fall control of American owned troperty. The committee denies that American oil interests are willing to pay renials and royalties to the Mexican Government, which would mean recognition of Mexican ownership of lands.

CORN—New high records were established in all the active positions, the market seek and from 6 to cents from last week and from 6 to cents from last week and from 6 to cents from last week low point. There was a partial reaction before the close was decidedly around. The visible was decidedly around a decrease of \$1.000 bushes during the week, bringing the local cash market No. 2 yellow and No. 2 white were quoted at \$1.100,00. cost and freight New York.

OATS—The market was firmer during tion of Mexican ownership of lands which Americans purchased in good faith from private individuals. The companies think that taxes being paid to the Mexican Government are exor-biting and without parallel in history. President Carranza proposes to add

freight New York.

OATS—The market was firmer during the greater part of the day, but toward the close there was a reaction under profit taking and final prices showed gains of only 4 to bec. The visible supply gained \$15,000 bushels for the week, and the total was about twice as large as it was for the corresponding time last year. The local cash market was from standard quoted at \$05 to \$50 to \$0.2 white. \$1c. No. 2 whit With reference to statements appearcertly in the New York press to fect that the American oil pro-interest in Mexico had asserted their willingness to pay satisfactory and reasonable royalties to the Mexican Government provided they be guaranteed absolute ownership of and title to the sub-surface, rights of all oil properties held by them prior to May 1, 1917, the executive committee of the Associated Mexican Froducers to-day pointed out that the reports in question obviously emanated from unsympathetic sources.

"Hought Land From Owners."

The first thing involved in the converse between the oil companies and a Maxican Government is the effort of a clovernment to take over all petro-The first thing involved in the controversy between the oil companies and the Mexican Government is the effort of the Government to take over all petroleum in the republic. In 1884, before the companies had acquired their properties or had developed oil, the Congress of Mexico enacted a law under which the extreme to the soil were expressly declared to be also the owners of all petroleum in the subsoil. For thirty-three greats this remained the settled law of Mexico, and the oil companies made their investments on the faith of it. They acquired their lands and leases not by concession from the Government. they acquired their lands and leases not by concession from the Government, but by purchases from the land owners themselves, who had the legal right to dispose at will of their lands and the underlying petroleum. Then, by Article 27 of the Constitution, which became effective May 1, 1977, the Government assumed to deny the title of private owners and to claim at its own all petroleum within the boundaries of the republic. The Carranza Government early in the present year underlook by republic. The Carranga Government early in the present year undertook by various decrees to put into effect this article of the Constitution, which met with strenuous objection by the companies on the ground that it was confisca-LONDON, Jan. 6.—Closing: Money, 2 per cent. Discount rates, short and three months bills, 2 17-32 per cent

Say Government Claims Rentals.

In all of the negotiations that have followed, the oil companies have taken the position that they will not acquired that they will insist on full and complete recognition of their vested rights. They have conseded the right of the Mexican Section 25 and 15 parama, registered 15 parama for the section of their vested rights. They have conseded the right of the Mexican Section 15 parama, registered 15 parama for parama section 15 parama for parama and according to common honesty, no defree or act of Congress purporting to be based upon Article 27 can deprive them of the property rights which they lawfully acquired and paid for prior to May 1 1817. In the decrees that have been signed by President Carranza and in a petroleum law which he has submitted to the Mexican Congress, the companies have found what appears to be a determined policy, despite the Government's professed willingness to recognize their vested rights, to require them to pay rentals and royalties to the Government. Of course, the payment of rentals and royalties can mean only recognition of the Government's ownersh p for it is inconceivable that one can pay rentals and royalties to any one except the owner of the property. Seeing prices of stacks in whate yet in the were no transactions yesterday?

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CORN AT SEASON'S HIGHEST. Rises on Heavy European Demand. but Closes Unsettled.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- Renewal of atten-

BARLEY Market firm. Feeding, \$1.03 o \$1.08; malting, \$1.12 to \$1.26, cost and reight New York.

HAY-Market unsettled. No. 1, \$1.30 0 \$1.40; No. 2, \$1.15 to \$1.25; No. 4, \$1 0 \$1.10.

BUCKWHEAT-Market dull. Sound milling, \$3.25, cost and freight New York.

CHICAGO PRICES.

INTERIOR RECEIPTS.

SHAROARD CLEARANCES.

London Money Market.

BID AND ASKED QUOTATIONS.

Gold premiums at Lisbon, 67.00.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Renewal of attention to calls from Europe for immense supplies lifted the corn market to-day to the highest prices yet this season, but much of the gains were afterward wiped out. The close was unsettled at 1½ to 25gc. net advance, with January 11.45% and May \$1.35% to \$1.25%. Oats finished & to &c. up and provisions varying from 5c. decline to a rise of 25c. Bullish sentiment in regard to corn sprang directly from fresh statements by Mr. Hoover emphasizing the urgent need of big food shipments from the United States to transatiantic countries. A report that he had said the Allies were morally bound to assist in upholding the United States guaranteed minimum price for the 1919 wheat crop was a decided, builtin factor. On the builge, however, longs sold freely to realize profits, and prices underwent a sag which was not checked altogether by news just before the close that the House Appropriations a committee had acted favorably on a bill for \$100,000,000 to feed Europe. \$5,000,000 Wilson & Co., Inc.

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Dated April 1, 1916

Due April 1, 1941

Outstanding in hands of public (including present issue) \$20,080,000 Authorized \$25,000,000 Interest payable April 1 and October 1 in New York City and Chicago

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Annual Sinking Fund of 1% of Bonds outstanding to be applied to the purchase or redemption of Bonds. Bonds to be kept alive in Sinking Fund

Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee

For information regarding the Bonds reference is made to a letter from Mr. Thomas E. Wilson, President of the Company, which is on file with us and which he has summarized as follows:

The Bonds are direct obligations of Wilson & Co., Inc., one of the four largest packing concerns in the United States, and are secured by first mortgage (subject to only \$300,000 real estate mortgages) on the manufacturing plants of the Company in New York City, Chicago and Kansas City, Kansas, and their equipment, branch house properties (owned in fee) and practically all other real estate of the Company; and by first collateral lien on the packing plant in Oklahoma City and on practically all of the branch house properties owned by its

The appraised value of the properties securing these Bonds exceeds \$30,000,000. They are further secured by pledge of the Company's entire holdings of the stocks of other important subsidiary companies.

After giving effect to the sale of these Bonds and the \$20,000,000 Convertible Bonds recently sold, the net quick assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, based on the balance sheet as of September 28, 1918, will approximate \$45,000,000, or over twice the amount of the outstanding First Mortgage Bonds.

Net sales have increased from \$55,000,000 in 1903 to \$225,000,000 in 1917, and to \$250,000,000 in the

ine months of 1916.			
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Fiscal Years	1915	1916	1917
Net Sales, including sales of companies the entire stock of which (except directors' shares) is owned	\$122,000,000	\$159,000,000	\$225,000,000
Net profits after all depreciation, interest charges and tax reserves.	\$2,463,732	\$4,913,873	\$6,504,422
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of the Convertible Bonds to refund current indebtedness is a charge junior to the interest on the First Mortgage Bonds, the above mentioned Net Profits represent income available for interest on this issue averaging 5.7 times, and in 1917 aggregating over 7.3 times, such interest.

It is estimated that the Net Profits for 1918, after interest charges and reserves for depreciation and taxes, will exceed \$7,500,000.

Application will be made to list these \$5,000,000 of Bonds on the New York and Chicago Stock Exchanges.

Price 98½ and interest to yield about 6½%

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We do not guarantee the statements and figures presented herein, but they are taken from sources which we believe to be accurate

COTTON FUTURES
STEADY AT CLOSE

A Receiver of all the property of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company having been appointed by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the undersigned have, at the request of the holders of a large amount of the company's stock, consented to act as a committee for the protection of the interests of all Stockholders who shall become parties to an agreement to be dated January 2, 1919, copies of which will be ready for distribution on the 8th instant.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF **BROOKLYN RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY:**

Stockholders are requested to deposit their certifi-Stockholders are requested to deposit their certificates of stock with MERCANTILE TRUST & DEPOSIT COMPANY, 115 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY, or with PEOPLE'S TRUST COMPANY, 181 MONTAGUE STREET, BROOKLYN, N. Y., respectively the Committee's Depositary and Sub-Depositary, which will issue temporary receipts which may be exchanged for transferable certificates of deposit on and after January 9, 1919.

Because of the crisis in the affairs of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company resulting in the appointment of the Receiver, in the judgment of the Committee, con-certed action on the part of the Stockholders is essential to their proper protection. The Committee requests that stock be promptly deposited to the end that representation by the Committee, in the Court proceedings or otherwise, of the interests of the Stockholders shall carry the greatest possible weight.

The assignment on the back of all deposited certificates must be executed in blank, dated and properly witnessed, and must have the requisite stock transfer stamps attached thereto.

Copies of the Deposit Agreement may be obtained from the Depositary, the Sub-Depositary or the Secretary of the Committee. Application will be made to list the certificates of deposit on the New York Stock Exchange. Dated January 7, 1919.

ALBERT H. WIGGIN, Chairman. CHARLES A. BOODY, FREDERICK H. ECKER, SEWARD PROSSER, GALEN L. STONE, FREDERICK STRAUSS, EVERETT B. SWEEZY, Committee.

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Ask for Chart S-16 **HUGHES & DIER** Stocks-Bords-Grain Stambers | Phila Stock Frehange 50 Broad St., New York

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